



Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) Interim Location

Summary	<p>The Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) is a program that provides basic services and shelter to persons who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.</p> <p>Under the auspices of the Community Action Network (CAN), the City and County contract with the Capital Area Homeless Alliance (CAHA) to provide day resource center services through the ARCH. These services include showers, laundry facilities, telephones, mail service, lockers, and information and referral. CAHA also provides other services such as job search support, computer access, clothing closets for men and women, identification card assistance, bicycle repair and construction workshops, and town hall meetings to collect opinions and suggestions concerning the ARCH. The ARCH also houses several co-located agencies that provide services to homeless persons, including legal and benefits assistance, arts programs, and offices for individuals to meet with service providers.</p>										
Status	<p>On August 15, 2001, the ARCH moved to an interim location at 400 Nueces. The City added an overnight shelter program for 73 men at the interim site and amended CAHA's contract to include operation of the shelter. The shelter has been operating at full capacity since it opened.</p>										
Issues	<p>The interim ARCH location will be used for programs until a new, permanent resource center is built. Under the City's <i>Homeless Self Sufficiency and Responsibility Initiative</i>, the Austin City Council has recommended development of a new homeless facility that includes a larger resource center, a 100 bed men's shelter and an expanded health care clinic for people in homeless situations.</p>										
Description	<p>The City Council approved funds for the design and construction of the downtown facility. The program design has been completed, and the physical design is nearing completion. In January of 2002 the City will request bids for the project's construction. In mid-2002 a request for proposals will be released to solicit an operator to manage the entire facility. The City's Primary Care Department will operate the clinic. Construction is expected to be completed in July of 2003.</p>										
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